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RANDOM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY, PARA 7.

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. DURING DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S VISIT TO SOFIA SEPT 17-18, PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV MADE A STATEMENT ON "DIVIDED FAMILIES" WHICH, THOUGH AMBIGUOUS, CAN BE TAKEN AS IMPLYING BULGARIAN WILLINGNESS TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL MOVE TOWARD SOLVING THIS ISSUE. WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING UP IN MANNER WHICH SUGGESTS WE BELIEVE HEAD OF STATE HAS GIVEN COMMITMENT, (A) THROUGH AMBASSADOR POPOV IN WASHINGTON; AND (B) THROUGH CONVERSATION WITH MLADENOV IN NEW YORK. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV SEPT 17, MLADENOV SAID THAT AS RESULT FURTHER REVIEW OF PENDING CASES TWO MORE EXIT PERMITS WOULD BE ISSUED. HE DID NOT EXCLUDE POSITIVE ACTION ON FURTHER CASES BUT SAID THERE ARE SOME THAT "NO COUNTRY," FOR SECURITY REASONS, COULD ALLOW TO LEAVE. SUBSEQUENTLY, AS REPORTED REFTEL PARA 12, PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV TOLD THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SEPT 18 THAT "WE COULD AGREE ON YOU SENDING AN AIRPLANE (FOR BULGARIAN CONFIDENTIAL

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FAMILY MEMBERS OF AMERICANS) RIGHT NOW."

3. WE THUS HAVE A FAIRLY FORTHCOMING BUT STILL SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS STATEMENT WHICH, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, MUST NOT

BE LEFT WITHOUT FOLLOW-UP. AS ONE ELEMENT OF SUCH FOLLOW-UP, WHEN I SAW OFF MLADENOV AT THE AIRPORT (HE IS NOW AT THE UNGA) SEPT 19, I TOLD HIM HOW IMPRESSED THE DEPUTY SECRETARY HAD BEEN WITH ZHIVKOV'S STATESMANLIKE PRONOUNCEMENT DISPOSING OF THE DIVIDED FAMILIES ISSUE.

4. MLADENOV'S REACTION WAS EQUALLY AMBIGUOUS. HE SAID, WITH MOCK DESPAIR, THAT IF THIS ISSUE IS DISPOSED OF THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEMS LEFT TO DISCUSS. I SAID THAT PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV HAD SURELY BEEN RIGHT, THAT IT IS BEST TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO COOPERATION. AS SUCH COOPERATION DEVELOPS, EXPERIENCE SHOWS THERE ARE PLENTY OF PROBLEMS BUT THEY ARE PROBLEMS OF PROGRESS, NOT PROBLEMS THAT STAND IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS IN OUR RELATIONS.

5. RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT FIND AN OPPORTUNITY SOON TO CALL IN AMBASSADOR POPOV FOR REVIEW OF THE INGERSOLL VISIT, AND TAKE THE OCCASION TO CONGRATULATE HIM WARMLY ON ZHIVKOV'S EXPRESSED DETERMINATION TO WASH UP THIS ISSUE, NOTING THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENT WILL ALSO BE WELCOMED, INTER ALIA, BY KEY CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS. ADDITIONALLY, IF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMANN IS IN NEW YORK, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF HE COULD MAKE THE SAME STATEMENT TO FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV THERE. WE SHOULD TRY TO LOCK IN THE BULGARIANS SO THEY WILL NOT SQUIRM OUT OF WHAT LOOKED PRETTY MUCH LIKE A COMMITMENT TO SETTLE AT LEAST THE BULK OF DIVIDED FAMILY CASES.

6. NEW SUBJECT. IF AMBASSADOR POPOV IS CALLED IN, OCCASION SHOULD BE USED ALSO TO (A) CLARIFY OUR POSITION ON EXCHANGE OF CHANCERY PROPERTIES, WHICH STILL NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR FROM REF B. INCIDENTALLY, HE SEEMS DETERMINED NOW TO BUY AN EXISTING BUILDING IN WASHINGTON; AND (B) REITERATE TO HIM A POINT MADE BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY INFORMALLY (DURING DINNER) TO MLADENOV IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF C, THAT WE ARE READY TO RECEIVE EXPERTS FROM BULGARIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR EXPLORATORY DISCUSSION OF "JOINT STATEMENT" ON AGRICULTURAL
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TRADE, WHICH COULD ALSO BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATIVE PROJECTS DISCUSSED DURING THE CAMPBELL VISIT.
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